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Presidential candidates to visit campus this week

□ The Board of Trustees announces the three presidential finalists.

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Director of Marketing & Communications

Dr. Jeff Hockaday, chairman of the Meredith College Board of Trustees, has announced that the Board's Executive Committee has accepted the names of three presidential finalists from the Presidential Search Committee.

Gene Langley, chairman of the Search Committee, presented the names at the Feb. 8 meeting of the Executive Committee.

"The Search Committee's charge from the Board of Trustees was to identify and present three to five of the very best candidates, in unranked

order, to the Executive Committee," said Hockaday.

"This group has done an exemplary job, and we are grateful. Now the Executive Committee must fulfill its critical role in this process."

Upon completion of interviews with the finalists Feb.

for its semi-annual meeting, the Executive Committee's selection will not be presented at that time. Instead, the board will recess its meeting and then resume the meeting in mid-March to vote on the candidate.

"Obviously, this is a very serious matter, and we must

proceed carefully and thoughtfully," said Hockaday. He predicted that the board would reconvene during the week of Mar. 15.

informal reception in the Johnson Hall Rotunda for each of the three finalists. All Meredith faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and welcome these candidates to campus.

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**- Dr. Jeff Hockaday,
Board of Trustees Chairman**

17-18, the Executive Committee plans to select one candidate to present to the Board of Trustees.

Although the full board will convene on campus on Feb. 26

A press conference and campus reception will follow the Board's election of Meredith's seventh president.

Hockaday also announced that the College will host an

Presidential Finalists Receptions

- Wednesday, Feb. 17; 5-6 p.m.
Dr. Maureen Hartford
- Thursday, Feb. 18; 5-6 p.m.
Nancy Huggins
- Friday, Feb. 19; 10-11 a.m.
Dr. Hope Williams

Week educates campus about various disabilities

□ Counseling Center, Dean of Students sponsor week's activities.

LESLIE MAXWELL
Police Reporter

With the 1999 World Special Olympics being held in Raleigh this summer, Disabilities Awareness Week came at a good time for Meredith students to learn about and accept disabilities.

The week, also held last year, was organized by the Counseling Center; Stephanie Harris, director of commuter life and special services; and Sharon Cannon, dean of students. The week was funded through the Creative Ideas Fund.

Held Monday, Feb. 8 through Friday, Feb. 12, Disabilities Awareness Week provided students with many opportunities to learn about different types of both physical and learning disabilities.

Harris said that the goal of the week was "to educate the

Meredith community about persons living with disabilities and increase awareness. We also wanted to empower students with disabilities."

Although the week's goal was raising awareness of all disabilities, Harris said that the organizers of the week tried to focus on hidden disabilities like Attention Deficit Disorder and learning disabilities.

On Monday, staff from the Wake County School system came to the Commuter Chat 'n' Chow. Students who attended learned about and experienced representations of visual impairments.

Wednesday's chapel service focused on support for people with disabilities. About 85 people attended the service led by Carol Grant Potter, '76, who is on the Developmental Disabilities Council.

"I was really touched by chapel," said Director of the Counseling Center Beth Meier.

Thursday the Counseling Center held drop-in hours from

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. During this time, students could ask questions or receive consultations about disabilities and services offered. Meier said that she was pleased at how many students came to the Counseling Center that day.

The Meredith Disabilities Organization held the year's first meeting on Friday at 10 a.m. in Dogwood A. The group had not met since its former president, Ruthie Hill, graduated last year. The informal meeting was held to attract students to the group.

Any students, whether they have a disability or want to know how to better support those with disabilities, were invited to attend.

At the meeting, Emily Reback, a junior, was elected president. "I'm really enthusiastic and excited about the group," she said.

Throughout the week, by walking through a residence hall or the Cate Center, students could learn about types

of different disabilities through educational bulletin boards.

Some of the boards were on topics like learning disabilities, chronic illnesses, hearing impairments and anxiety-panic disorders. The board outside the Dean of Students' office focused on the upcoming 1999 Special Olympics World Games.

Monday through Wednesday, MCTV aired videos about disabilities. The videos, which included "Depression: Real stories, Real Hope" and a Special Olympics promotional tape, were also shown during the Counseling Center's drop-in hours.

Harris and Meier were pleased with the positive response the week created. Harris noted that the week helped to break down stereotypes about disabilities.

Any students who are interested in joining the Meredith Disabilities Organization may contact the Dean of Students office at 760-8521.